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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lourdel et al.

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For: VERTEBRAL ANCHORING DEVICE AND ITS
BLOCKING DEVICE ON A POLYAXIAL SCREW

Examiner: James L. Swiger, III

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AMENDMENT C

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the rejections in the Final Office Action mailed February 6, 2008. Applicant filed a three month extension and a Request for Continued Examination on August 5, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.